



## REPORT OF GENESIS BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

The appropriation that we received from the Town of Alton's 2009 budget has helped us to cover the costs of providing emergency mental health care to residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2009 (ending June 30, 2009), a total of **94 Alton residents** came to Genesis Behavioral Health seeking help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>
Ages 1 – 17	43
Ages 18 – 59	43
Age 60 and over	8
<i>Total</i>	94

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide direct services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities. Our staff is accountable for placing individuals on the path to recovery from mental illness and aiding them in their daily lives throughout the process.

We specialize in individual and group counseling and psychiatric services. We work with our most persistently ill patients on basic life skills such as public interaction and stable employment. We help parents and children to foster strong family relationships. Working with local police and fire departments, we provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to residents of any age who are going through a mental health crisis. We provide emotional support to the community in the wake of a tragic event.

Funding from the Town of Alton has helped to support our work with children, families and adults. The services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health help improve the quality of life for so many, and yet are rarely covered by insurance plans or state programs. On behalf of all of the individuals we serve, we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director